question and kindly admitted the question. I wish to know whether I would get an answer to it in this session. Otherwise the indulgence shown to me by the Chair by waiving the term of ordinary notice will not be of use to me. So, I request the Chair to give a ruling on that point.

PRESIDENT: The duty of the Chair as President of the Assembly begins and ends with the exercise of his powers conferred upon him by the Rules and Standing Orders. The President was asked to waive the required period of notice, *viz.*, 12 days' and the President has done that. The authority to answer the question is not in the hands of the President : it is in the hands of the Government. It is Government who have got to give you the answer and not the President.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Conversion of Puthukadai-Kollencode trace in Vilavankod taluk into a cart road.

20. **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have not yet decided to convert Puthukadai-Kollencode trace in the Vilavankod taluk into a cart road.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes. An estimate for the conversion of the trace has been received by Government and is under consideration.

Applicants for the post of Sirkar Vakil, Kottayam.

21. **MR. T. S. JAYANTAN NAMBOOTIRI** (*Travancore Jenmies, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list, by caste, of the applicants for the post of Sirkar Vakil, Kottayam, during the recent vacancy ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

1.	Brahmins (Malayala)	...	3
2.	Brahmins (Others)	...	8
3.	Ezhavas	...	4
4.	Kshatriyas	...	1
5.	Nayars	...	10
6.	Vellalas	...	1
7.	Christians	...	9
1.	Other Hindus	...	1

Oodukoor tenure of lands.

22. **MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is the form of *Oodukoor* tenure of enjoyment in South Travancore ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they recognise such *Oodukoor* right over property when offered as security for loans from Government and

(*c*) whether they are aware that such *Oodukoor* rights are sold for arrears of Government revenue and money realised ?

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